

TRUTH ABOUT POPE'S HEALTH

FALSE RUMORS SPREAD FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES.

Leo XIII. as Vigorous Mentally Now as for Years Past—Will Drop Away Suddenly Without Illness When the Time Comes, Says Dr. Lapponi—Recent Reports Intended to Influence French Elections.

Rome, Nov. 8.—More than once the Holy Father has expressed a natural bitterness in regard to the campaign of lies about the state of his health. Parties are savage. They respect neither the majesty of the throne nor the sanctity of old age. Political strategy does not take into account sentiment and delicacy. As every one knows, it is the A. B. C. of good manners not to mention, above all, not to speak loudly of the frailty of an old man. When such fables reach the point of constant violence, which has caused regret to all of us, such indelicacy becomes gross boorishness. Leo XIII. has all the more reason to complain of such misconduct, inasmuch as he is still hale; he is proud of his youthful old age, just as a woman is proud of her beauty.

His manner of life continues the same; his habits of work and administration have not changed; the one novelty, not recent but dating back several years, is the minute care with which he is watched by Dr. Lapponi, who likes to show his zeal. The doctor's strict prescriptions, which the great Pontiff avoids as much as propriety permits. Dr. Lapponi's predecessor was not so tyrannical; he read Leo XIII.'s soul, he knew the Pope better and had attained the physician's ideal, to let the patient get along according to his own consciousness of his strength. Unfortunately Dr. Lapponi is a pompous, stiff provincial; he counts for his reputation on the preservation of the Pope's precious health. Leo XIII. complains with a smile, but is obliged to obey, inasmuch as all his attendants are in league with the doctor.

That is the real state of affairs. It is a shame to see ignorant, deceived or designing journalists lay before the public daily the alleged sufferings and the interminable "agonies" of the Holy Father.

What increases the natural sorrow of the Pope is the fact that he is perfectly well acquainted with the sources, the character and the object of this abominable mystification. Better than any one else does he know whence these fables arise, in what hands are held the threads of the intrigue, what result is desired. When the matter is looked into it is a person high in political power who is directing the odious machination. Private letters, confidential notes, party relations, communications of personal police have all been used for the stage setting. Agendas, intrigues, combinations of groups are acting at the bidding of this person. Great attention has been directed to the fact that this person has the mission of managing in behalf of the Triple Alliance the affairs leading to the coming conclave. At the same time another striking fact is that French royalist newspapers gave the keynote for this scandalous concert. The other papers chimed in, some to give news to their readers, others because they had drawn from dishonest sources.

The character and object of the campaign might be guessed even if precise information did not enable us to know them precisely. To increase the confusion in men's minds, to discourage the obedient, to incite the rebellious, to bring it about that all serious action shall be put off until the next Pontificate and that the resistance in the conclave shall be as strong as to bring about not only a change of person, but a change of administration and of policy—these are clearly the directing ideas of the conspiracy.

We are on the eve of the French elections; it is desired that the Pope shall inspire neither confidence nor fear. They wish to give a free hand to every form of disobedience and to authorize all kinds of ambiguous actions. In this way the opposition to the *ralliement* and to Christian democracy hopes by a flank movement to juggle away the permanent policy of the Papacy and to enmesh Catholicism in the old, conservative methods of work. The work of selfish investment is supported by the parallel movements of persons who, though faithful to the republican instructions of the Pope, aim at checking the socialist tendencies, under the pretext that in France the democrats are exaggerating the teachings of Rome and creating a schismatic atmosphere.

At times some imprudence in matters of detail gives a semblance of truth to these perfidious accusations. These combinations of intrigues sadden the heart of the Holy Father. Was it not the Christian democrats of France that carried into effect with most joyous and grateful promptness the councils, the policy and the secret wishes of the Holy See? What arrogance and what savage hypocrisy to quibble over trifles with the secret intention of making a historic movement turn from its course. Amid the wily adventures are all the detractors of the Congress of Succubus Works. The object is to frighten the Pope and to disarm his strength of action.

Not a thousand times no! Leo XIII. is not in his death agony like a common decrepit and worn-out old man. When one Cardinal can talk to him for two hours about the affairs of America and of Germany, when one Ambassador can explain to him at great length the thousand difficulties of France, and on the same day, at nightfall, he can receive a Bishop consecrated that very morning by Cardinal Battelli, there can be no question of a "weak lung" or a victim of "consumption." Journales that are manufactured or are the mouthpieces of a petty conspiracy, are fond of adding that in this end of a reign it is the Pope that reigns and Cardinal Rampolla that governs.

The best and sanest Cardinal, so discreet as to refrain who has to endure the genius of a master who tolerates no independent thought of policy does not deserve these perfidious attacks. His heart does not dwell in the ante-chamber of diplomacy. It is in the higher laboratories. The series of learned studies that he is publishing in the *Annuaire* of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences at the Vatican, clearly mark the course of his thoughts and the perfection of his soul. He knows only two things: his master and his duty.

The name of Leo XIII. is a force in itself, that is the guarantee that is struck at. It will not be tampered with. Leo should never have been the government of the Church in the Pope's golden age will put to shame all these calumnies and intrigues. Leo XIII. has no need to be rescued from any. Some slight while at work he will go on without working time a sacred vision which is not disturbed. That is Dr. Lapponi's opinion, that is what comes from the Vatican. Leo XIII. is weary of noise and scandal; he has no need of them. He is weary of them. He is weary of them. He is weary of them.

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ATTEMPT TO LAUNCH DRY DOCK

The 4,000-Ton Structure Breaks One of the Ways and Sticks Fast.

An attempt was made yesterday morning to launch the 4,000-ton dry dock, which was built at the yards of the Brexler Dry Dock Company at Elm Park, Staten Island, for the Bureau Dry Dock Company of Port Richmond, but it was unsuccessful, owing to the breaking of the ways.

Everything was in readiness at 11 o'clock, when the signal to knock out the block was given. In order that the huge mass of iron and timber should have a good start the rags (cables) and rollers were out in the stream with a line fast to it. They started at the line and amid the cheers of the assembled multitude the dock started down to the water.

It had gone about three-quarters of the distance when the ways on the right-hand side broke close to the water and one end of the dock dropped into the mud and stuck fast. The tug tried to move the dock, but was unable to do so. The dock will have to be jacked up before it can be moved again.

It is estimated that 1,200,000 feet of timber and 100 tons of iron were used in the construction of the dock. The cost will be about \$100,000. The dock is said to be the largest of the kind in this country.

TO MORTGAGE RIBBY REALTY.

Not Enough Personality to Pay Robert's Legacies of \$750,000.

Andrew S. Murray and George Freid, executors of the estate of Robert F. Ribby, have asked the Supreme Court for leave to mortgage realty in order to pay legacies of \$750,000, which there is not enough of personality to pay.

The property of the estate consists of a half interest in the site of the Union League Club, valued at \$100,000, the Casino at Thirty-ninth street and Broadway, valued at between \$600,000 and \$800,000, and all Fifth avenue, valued at \$275,000. John M. Ribby died on Nov. 21, 1898. Half of his real estate estate went to his son Robert F. Ribby and the other half was held in trust for the benefit of his daughter, Grace S. Ribby, now Countess Marquis de Ribby. Robert F. Ribby was a bachelor and lived at the house of Mrs. John Gordon, in whom he left during his illness. Another legatee of \$100,000 was made to George Freid.

It took twenty-five men and a derrick more than an hour yesterday to extricate a house from an excavation eight feet deep in Twenty-third street near First avenue, where Baughman & Co. are putting in a building. The house belonged to Charles J. Baughman, 31 East Twenty-fourth street. In turning it changed suddenly into the pit and slid into a watermain. It was taken out yesterday.

Miss White Being Taken to the Hospital.

William White, 58 years old, died suddenly of a heart attack while he was being driven to Bellevue Hospital. Miss White, a daughter of Mr. White, was in the car with him when he died. She was taken to the hospital for treatment.

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